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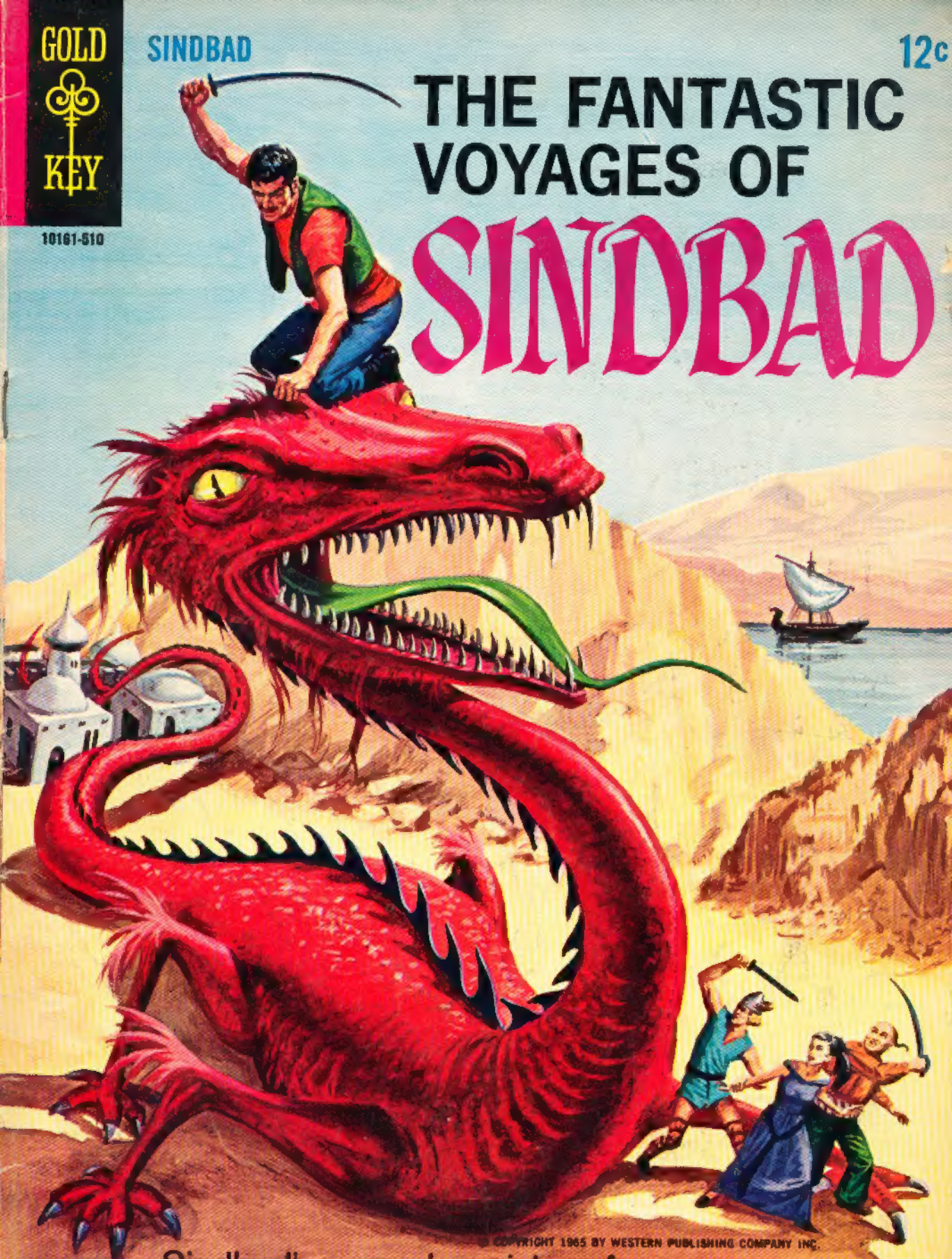

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Sindbad's vessel vanishes from a remote sea and his crew become the enslaved victims of Indra!

Scherazade's STORY WITHOUT END

To avenge himself of the disloyalty of his first sultana, Sultan Shahriyar made a new law allowing him to marry a lady every day and to have her put to death the next day.

One beautiful maiden after another was sacrificed. Fathers and mothers became fearful for their daughters' lives, never knowing when they'd become the sultan's choice.

One day, Scherazade, the daughter of the sultan's vizier, offered to be the sultan's bride. She had one request: that her sister be allowed to visit her before she died.

The request was granted. The new sultana began telling her sister a story. The sultan became interested, and when the story was not finished, he postponed the execution.

Thus, for a thousand and one nights Scherazade finished one story and began another one; and each night her life was spared so the sultan could hear the end of the story.

On the night after the thousandth story had been told, the sultan realized his love for his beautiful sultana. Her life was spared forever . . . her stories became ours to enjoy!

THE FANTASTIC VOYAGES OF SINDBAD

PRISONERS OF INDRA

SAILING FAR ON A LONELY SEA, SINDBAD AND HIS CREW ENCOUNTER TROUBLE IN PERILOUS WATERS...

TYPHOON, SINDBAD!

IT COMES FROM A CLEAR SKY...A CALM SEA! ALLAH, SAVE US!

OUR OARS! WE'LL SAVE OURSELVES!

PULL TOGETHER! WE'RE MAKING HEADWAY!

BOOM BOOM

SINDBAD'S MEN PULL HIS GALLEY, "STAR OF THE EAST," AWAY FROM THE DANGEROUS SHORE...

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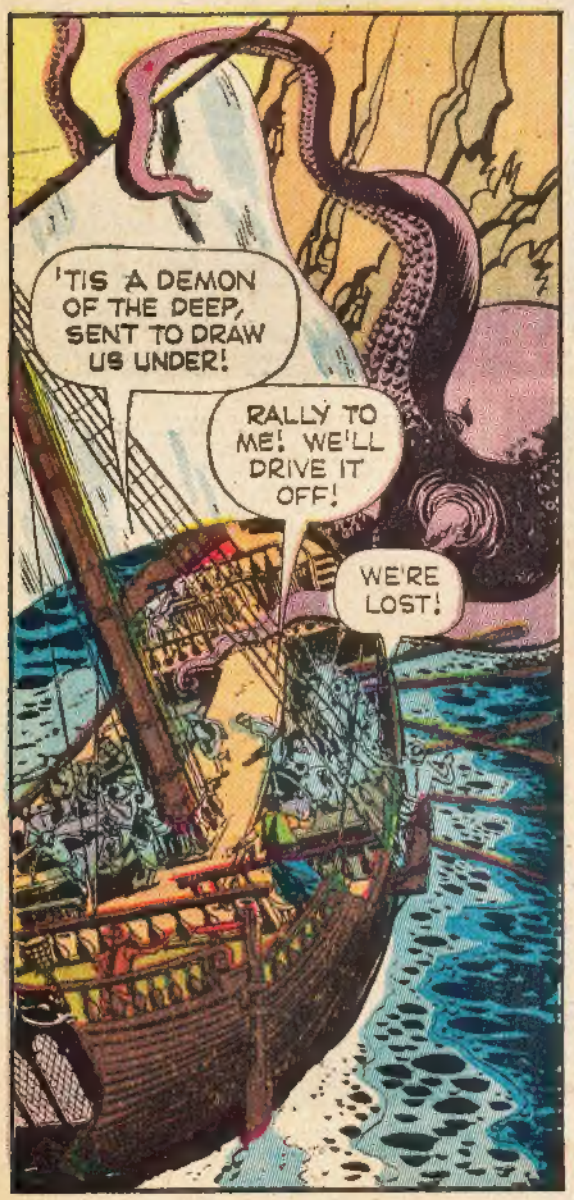
WHAT BROUGHT THAT WIND? SOME ACT OF EVIL, I'M THINKING!
PERHAPS! BUT WE'RE WINNING CLEAR! STAND BY TO SWING SAIL!

AIIEE! THERE'S WORSE TO COME!
SWORDS, MEN! BE READY TO FIGHT!


'TIS A DEMON OF THE DEEP, SENT TO DRAW US UNDER!
RALLY TO ME! WE'LL DRIVE IT OFF!
WE'RE LOST!

WE FIGHT WITH THE BEST OF DAMASCUS STEEL...BUT IT CAN'T CUT THROUGH THIS!

A BLOW FROM THE GREAT SEA MONSTER STUNS SINDBAD...

RESISTANCE... USELESS! IT IS TOO HUGE TO FIGHT!
IT'S PULLING US THROUGH THE WATER ...TOWARD THE GREAT ROCKS!
NO...NOT THE ROCKS! LOOK... A CHANNEL! IT IS DRAWING US TOWARD THAT!
HANG ON, MEN! AND KEEP QUIET...WE'RE HEADING INTO THE NARROWS!
THE SEA MONSTER RELEASES ITS HOLD...
IT BROUGHT US HERE...BUT WHY, SINDBAD?
THE ANSWER MAY LIE BEFORE US, SIGURD!
BY THE FIRES OF LOKI! A CITY...HIDDEN HERE!
BUT NO ONE TO WELCOME US, NO ONE IN SIGHT ANYWHERE! LISTEN...NO SOUNDS EITHER!

DOWN SAIL! WE'LL PULL TO A WHARF, GO ASHORE, AND LEARN THE MEANING OF ALL THIS!
MOMENTS LATER...
KEEP YOUR SWORDS READY! STAY TOGETHER! FOLLOW ME!
SINDBAD AND HIS MEN ENTER THE CITY...
IT IS A LAND OF THE DEAD! AND BY THE PROPHET'S SLIPPER, I HEAR THEM WHISPERING ALL ABOUT!
WHAT YOU HEAR IS THE FEET OF LIVING MEN, COMING AT US-!
AS THOUGH BY MAGIC, A WARRIOR IN STRANGE ARMOR STANDS BEFORE THEM...
PASS THE WORD... WAIT! I'LL TRY TO SAY WE CAME IN PEACE!
BY ALL GOOD SPIRITS, WE MEAN YOU NO HARM!
IN THE NAMES OF SHAITAN AND INDRA... SURRENDER!

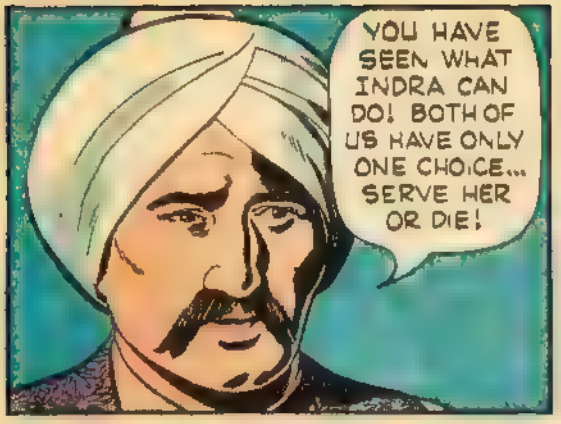
SUDDENLY, SINDBAD AND HIS MEN ARE SURROUNDED BY WARRIORS...
SURRENDER? WE'LL NEVER SURRENDER! WE'VE TRIED TO BE REASONABLE! NOW SCATTER THEM!
ALLAHU AKBAR!
SHAITAN! INDRA!
STRIKE HARD! STRIKE TOGETHER!
WODIN HELP ME! MY SWORD GROWS AS HEAVY AS AN ANVIL! I CANNOT LIFT IT! SOME EVIL POWER IS UPON US!
A SPELL IS ON ME! I CANNOT FIGHT!
NOR I, SINDBAD, THERE IS NO HOPE FOR US!
MY SWORD... HEAVY ALSO, BUT I CAN STILL SWING IT! IF I FIGHT ON, THOUGH, IT MAY MEAN THE END FOR ALL OF MY MEN!

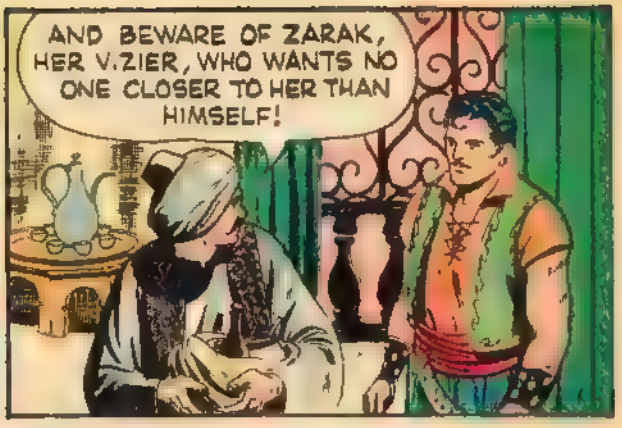
WE SURRENDER! GRANT US THE JUSTICE DUE BRAVE MEN!
BAH! YOU COME WITH US! INDRA WILL DECIDE YOUR FATE!
WHAT NOW, SINDBAD? A LIFE AS SLAVES?
NO!
QUIET! QUICK MARCH!
SOME MINUTES LATER, IN A GREAT PALACE...
KNEEL, SWINE, TO INDRA, EMPRESS OF BHOKKAR!
WE DO NOT BEND OUR KNEES TO ONE WHO OVERWHELMS US WITH SORCERY!
KNEEL, WITH NO MORE TALK, OR LOSE YOUR TONGUE!
QUIET, ZARAK!
YOU SAW MY CITY, EMPTY OF PEOPLE! THE BLACK PLAGUE DID THAT, SWEEPING NEARLY ALL BEFORE IT...!

BUT BHOKKAR SHALL LIVE AGAIN! I BROUGHT YOUR SHIP HERE WITH MY GREAT POWER, GIVEN ME BY SHAITAN, LORD OF CREATION! THE TYPHOON AND THE CREATURE FROM THE DEEPS—BOTH MY SERVANTS —SERVED ME WELL!
I SHALL SO SEIZE ALL SHIPS THAT COME THIS WAY! THEIR CREWS SHALL BECOME MY SUBJECTS!
YOU SHALL HELP ME DO THAT! AND *YOU* HAVE STRENGTH...PERHAPS YOU MAY RULE WITH ME...!
BY THE EYE OF SHAITAN, *NO!*
DO NOT RISK MY POWER, ZARAK! ALL THINGS SHALL BE AS *I SAY!*
GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER, THAT YOU AND YOUR MEN WILL SERVE ME AS I COMMAND!
NO! WE ARE FREE MEN... WE WILL NOT MAKE SLAVES OF OTHERS! NOR WILL WE LONG BE YOUR PRISONERS IN THIS CITY OF DEATH!

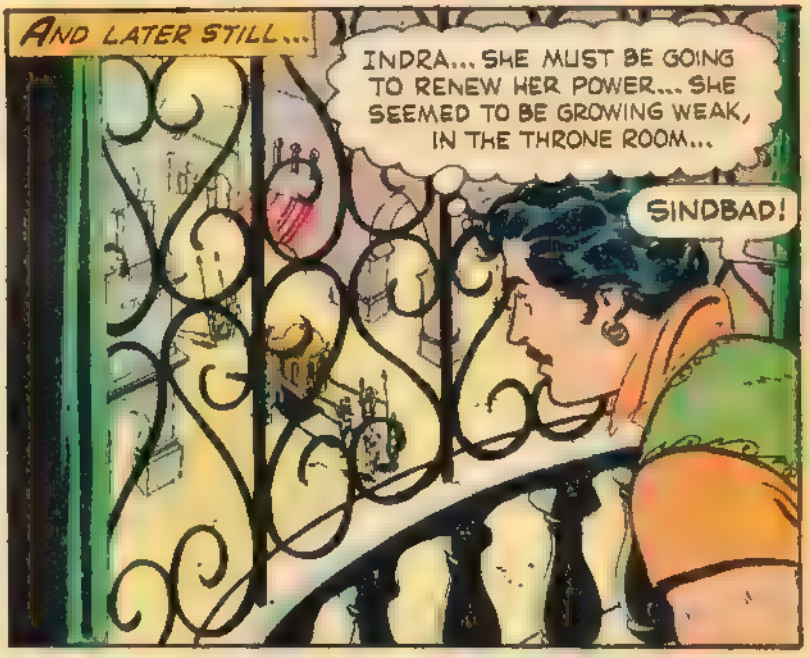
I DEMAND THAT YOU LET US GO IN PEACE!
DEMAND? IT SEEMS YOU NEED FURTHER PROOF OF MY POWER!
SHAITAN, SHOW THESE UNBELIEVERS THAT NONE MAY STAND AGAINST ME!
ALLAH DEFEND US FROM THIS DARK AND EVIL MAGIC! LOOK WHAT SHE'S DONE TO SIGURD!
IT IS ENOUGH! RESUME YOUR TRUE FORM, MAN!
OW-OOOO!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED? I FEEL WEAK, DIZZY!
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, NORSEMAN!
I AM WEARY! TAKE THEM AWAY! LET THEM PONDER WHAT THEY HAVE SEEN!

A LITTLE LATER...
WHAT LUXURY... FOR A PRISON CELL!
SINDBAD, HERE'S SOMEONE TO TREAT OUR LADS WHO WERE BRUISED IN THAT FIGHT!
I AM OMAR, THE PHYSICIAN!
AND PERSIAN, BY YOUR NAME... FAR FROM HOME, AS WE ARE!
AYE! ALSO, THE PRISONER OF INDRA, WITH NO HOPE OF ESCAPE!
THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE! TELL ME, OMAR, ABOUT SHAITAN!
HE IS A "GOD," WITH ONE GREAT FIERY EYE! HE RULES FROM YONDER TEMPLE, DEEP IN A ROCK CHASM! INDRA GOES THERE OFTEN TO RENEW HER POWERS!
IF WE DESTROY SHAITAN, THEN, WE ARE FREE!
ONLY INDRA MAY APPROACH SHAITAN! HE IS GUARDED BY A MONSTER, FEARSOME BEYOND BELIEF!


YOU HAVE SEEN WHAT INDRA CAN DO! BOTH OF US HAVE ONLY ONE CHOICE... SERVE HER OR DIE!


AND BEWARE OF ZARAK, HER V.ZIER, WHO WANTS NO ONE CLOSER TO HER THAN HIMSELF!

THE TEMPLE OF SHAITAN...GUARDED BY A FEARSOME MONSTER...


AND LATER STILL...
INDRA... SHE MUST BE GOING TO RENEW HER POWER... SHE SEEMED TO BE GROWING WEAK, IN THE THRONE ROOM...
SINDBAD!

DO WE SIT HERE AND WAIT?
NO, SIGURD! HOW MANY OF INDRA'S WARRIORS GUARD US?

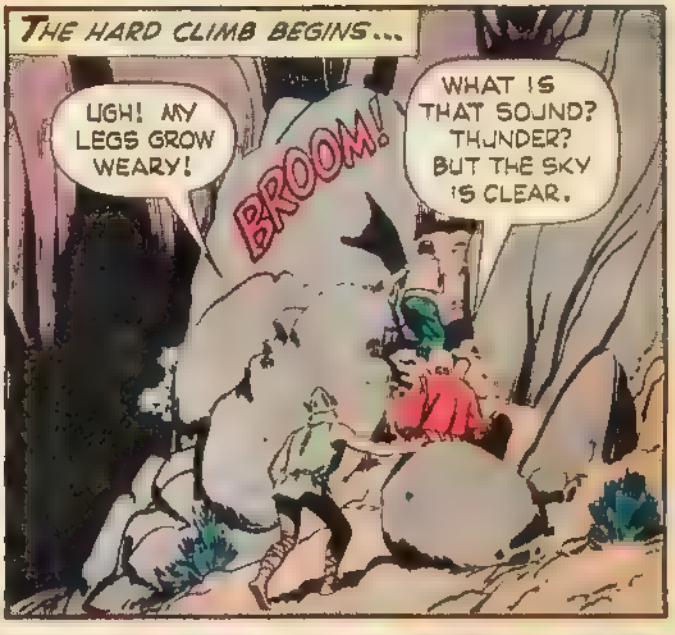
THERE ARE THREE BEYOND THIS DOOR!
CALL TURK TO US, THEN! AND WE STRIKE!

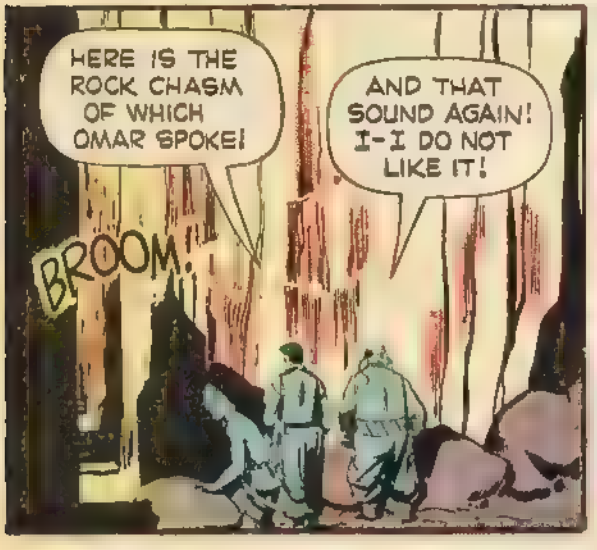
SINDBAD, TURK AND SIGURD ATTACK...
INDRA'S SPELL ON US IS WANING! OUR ARMS HAVE LOST THEIR HEAVINESS!
AND WE HAVE WEAPONS!
HMPH! I'D LIKE MY OWN BROADSWORD BETTER!
I'M SATISFIED! NO BROADSWORD CAN DO THIS, NORSEMAN!
COME! NOW WE GO AFTER INDRA!
SWISH!
NO OTHER GUARDS IN SIGHT...
BUT ONE BEYOND THAT GATE PERHAPS! I'LL FIND OUT!
INDRA! SHAITAN!
NO ENCHANTRESS OR ONE-EYED GOD IS GOING TO HELP YOU!

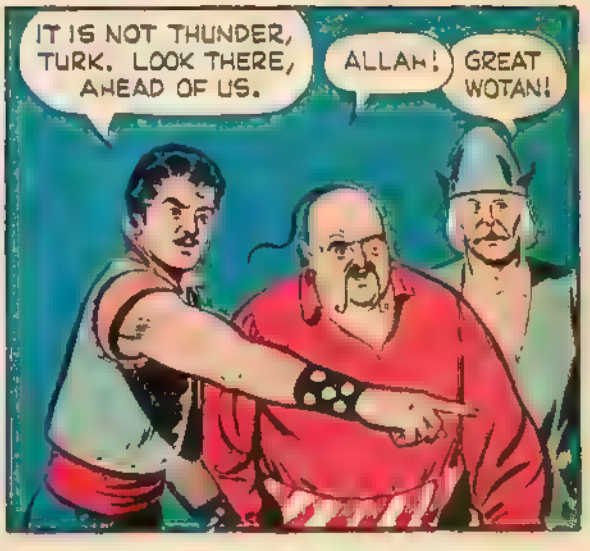
AHHH-H!

HE'LL WAKE WITH A SORE JAW!
WE GO ON THAT WAY...TOWARD THE MOUNTAINS!

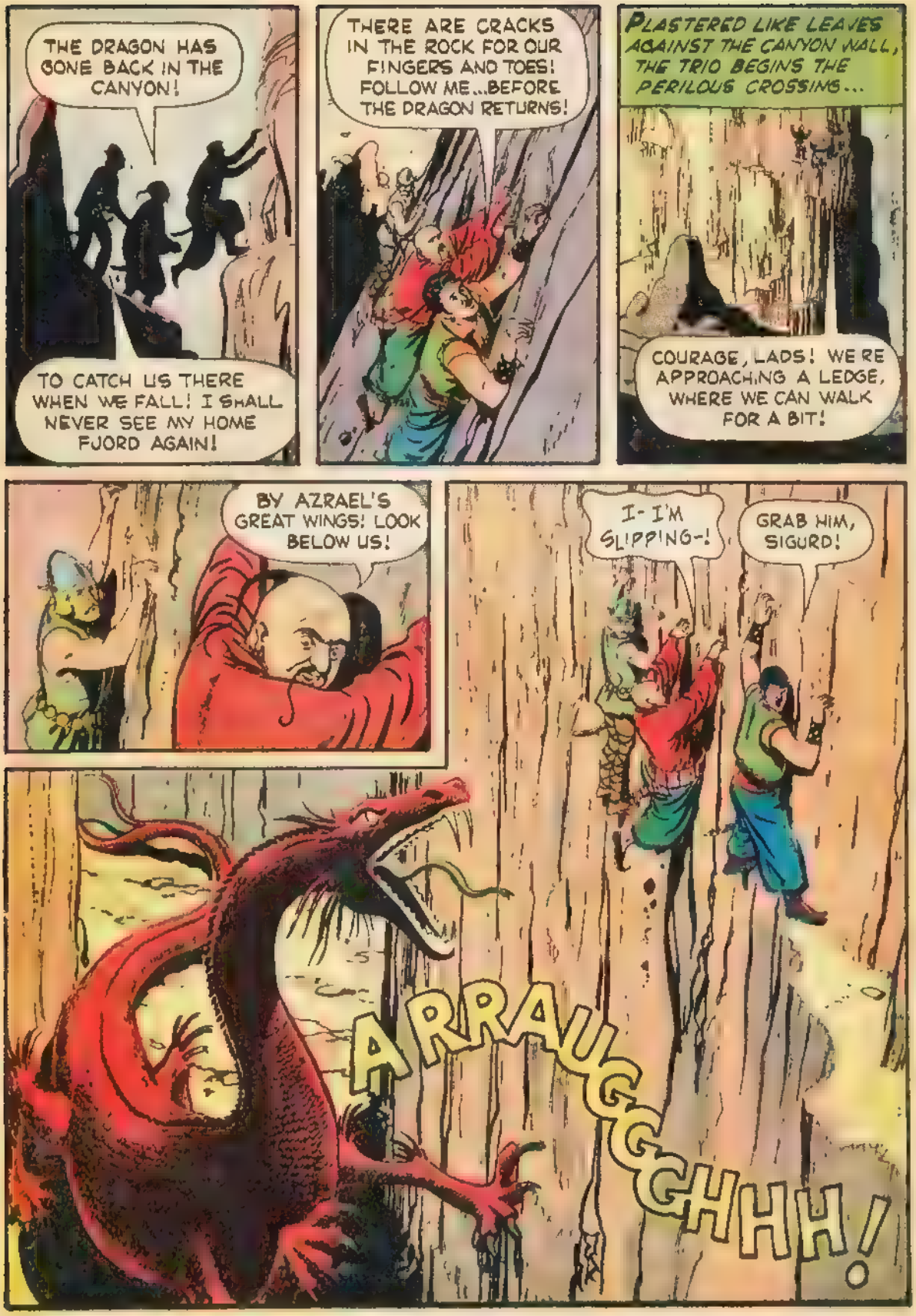
NO MORE GUARDS! I WANT GOOD SWORDWORK TO DO!
THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF THAT BEFORE WE ARE FINISHED!


THE HARD CLIMB BEGINS...
UGH! MY LEGS GROW WEARY!
BROOM!
WHAT IS THAT SOUND? THUNDER? BUT THE SKY IS CLEAR.


HERE IS THE ROCK CHASM OF WHICH OMAR SPOKE!
AND THAT SOUND AGAIN! I-I DO NOT LIKE IT!
BROOM.

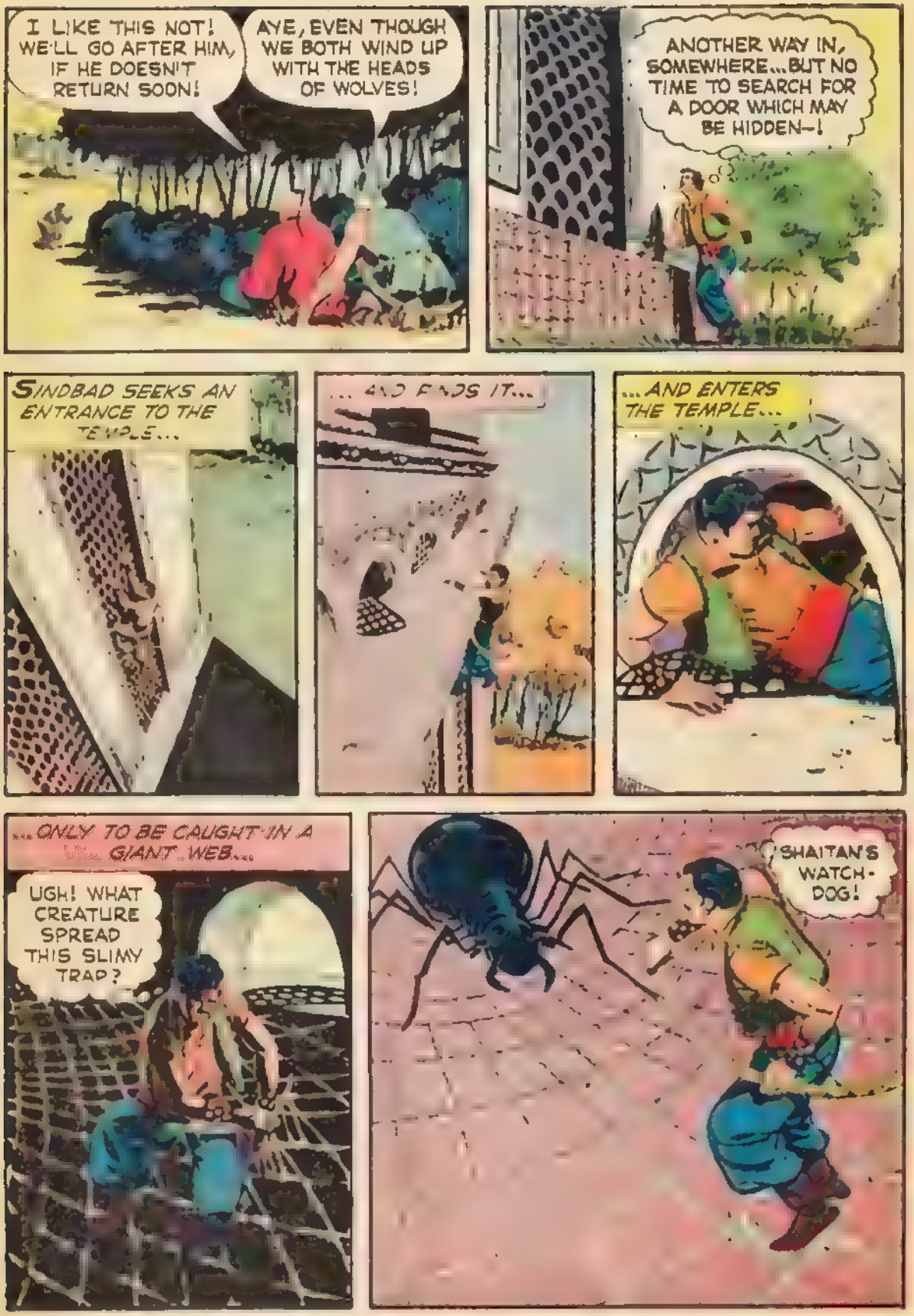

IT IS NOT THUNDER, TURK. LOOK THERE, AHEAD OF US.
ALLAH!
GREAT WOTAN!

A GREAT RUMBLING ROAR ECHOES THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS...
ARRRAUGGHHHHH!
THE MONSTER THAT GUARDS SHAITAN'S TEMPLE!
RUN!
SAVE YOURSELF, SINDBAD!
SOME MOMENTS LATER...
I HAVE NEVER RUN FROM ANYTHING BEFORE!
NOR I! BUT MY LEGS TOOK ME AWAY FROM THAT CREATURE!
NO MAN CAN GET PAST IT AND LIVE!
THEN WE SHALL GO ABOVE IT!
ACROSS THAT WALL OF ROCK? NOT EVEN A CHAMELEON COULD DO SUCH A THING!
PERHAPS NOT. BUT MEN CAN DO IT...
...IF THEY WISH TO REMAIN FREE! COME ON!


THE DRAGON HAS GONE BACK IN THE CANYON!
TO CATCH US THERE WHEN WE FALL! I SHALL NEVER SEE MY HOME FJORD AGAIN!
THERE ARE CRACKS IN THE ROCK FOR OUR FINGERS AND TOES! FOLLOW ME...BEFORE THE DRAGON RETURNS!
PLASTERED LIKE LEAVES AGAINST THE CANYON WALL, THE TRIO BEGINS THE PERILOUS CROSSING...
COURAGE, LADS! WE'RE APPROACHING A LEDGE, WHERE WE CAN WALK FOR A BIT!
BY AZRAEL'S GREAT WINGS! LOOK BELOW US!
I- I'M SLIPPING-!
GRAB HIM, SIGURD!
ARRAUGGHHH!

AIEEE!
I'VE GOT YOU, TURK!
SWING HIM TOWARD ME, SIGURD!
MY HEAD IS LEAVING MY SHOULDERS!
REACH FOR THE LEDGE WHEN I LIFT YOU!
TURK, YOUR PIGTAIL SAVED YOU!
PIGTAIL? STUPID INFIDEL! I WEAR THIS FOR THE ANGEL AZRAEL TO PULL ME INTO HEAVEN ON MY LAST DAY!
AND WHO'S TO SAY THAT I AM NOT YOUR ANGEL'S HELPER? TODAY COULD HAVE BEEN YOUR LAST DAY!
ONWARD, MEN... STEADY NOW!
THANKS BE TO ALLAH, THE DEVIL LIZARD IS GONE!
AH - AND AHEAD IS A SIGHT TO REMEMBER!

THE TEMPLE OF SHAITAN APPEARS...
THERE IS EVIL IN THAT PLACE! I FEEL IT FROM HERE!
AND YOU WILL NEVER PRAY IN YOUR OWN MOSQUE AGAIN WHILE THE EVIL LIVES!
WE MUST HURRY ON... BEFORE INDRA'S POWER BECOMES STRONG AGAIN!
WE'LL HURRY, FAST ENOUGH... IF THE DRAGON APPEARS AGAIN!
WHAT IS TO BE DONE, NORSEMAN, NOW THAT WE RE HERE?
LEAVE THAT TO SINDBAD! I ONLY HOPE FOR A GOOD FIGHT!
HER GOD OF THE FIERY EYE, WITHIN THERE ...I MUST FIND SHAITAN BEFORE INDRA FACES HIM!
I GO ON ALONE, NOW, SINCE I HAVE SOME STRENGTH IN FACING INDRA'S POWER, AND YOU DO NOT! WAIT HERE!


I LIKE THIS NOT! WE'LL GO AFTER HIM, IF HE DOESN'T RETURN SOON!
AYE, EVEN THOUGH WE BOTH WIND UP WITH THE HEADS OF WOLVES!
ANOTHER WAY IN, SOMEWHERE...BUT NO TIME TO SEARCH FOR A DOOR WHICH MAY BE HIDDEN—!
SINDBAD SEEKS AN ENTRANCE TO THE TEMPLE...
...AND FINDS IT...
...AND ENTERS THE TEMPLE...
...ONLY TO BE CAUGHT IN A GIANT WEB...
UGH! WHAT CREATURE SPREAD THIS SLIMY TRAP?
SHAITAN'S WATCH-DOG!

SINDBAD BARELY EVADES BEING CUT IN HALF...
SNAPP!
...AND HE DELIVERS A LIGHTNING COUNTERSTROKE.
NOW TO FIND A WAY DOWN, BEFORE ANOTHER LIKE THAT ONE COMES AT ME!
A SMELL OF EVIL AND DEATH. THE BLACK PLAGUE MUST HAVE STRUCK HERE ALSO ...AT ALL BUT SHAITAN!
THAT LIGHT...LIKE A VOLCANO'S FIRE! IT MUST LIGHT THE WAY FOR INDRA...AND FOR ME!
MEANWHILE...
EMPRESS, LET ME SHARE THE POWER WITH YOU!
NO!

ONLY I MAY FACE SHAITAN! WAIT HERE, AND TURN AWAY!
THE LIGHT... NOW IT IS GONE!
SHAITAN! IT IS I, YOUR SERVANT! REVEAL YOURSELF TO ME!
O SHAITAN! MAKE MY POWER STRONG ONCE MORE THAT BHOKKAR MAY LIVE AGAIN!
THE LIGHT BURNS AGAIN-! FROM THE GREAT EYE OF SHAITAN!
THAT EYE IS A GREAT GEM, WITH DARK FIRES IN IT THAT COME AND GO! FIRES THAT BUILD MUCH MAGIC ... MUCH STRENGTH!
ZARAK TREACHEROUSLY MOVES AGAINST HIS EMPRESS...

STAND ASIDE, WOMAN, WITH YOUR STUPID DREAM OF BRINGING A DEAD CITY TO LIFE!
SHAITAN! FILL ME WITH YOUR GREAT POWER, THAT I MAY USE IT TO RULE THE WORLD!
ZARAK! I MUST PUT AN END TO THIS, RIGHT NOW!
DEFILER OF THE TEMPLE! SHAITAN... STRIKE HIM DEAD!
I FEEL NO FIRES BURNING ME, ZARAK! SHAITAN IS NOT MY GOD!
LOOK, VIZIER! YOUR EMPRESS DOES NOT STILL MY ARM! DIE, SHAITAN, WITH AN END FOREVER OF YOUR WICKED RULE OVER MEN!
CRAASH!

FOUL DOG! I SHALL KILL YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!
YOU ARE WELCOME TO TRY, ZARAK! COME ON!
THE TEMPLE SHAKES AND BEGINS TO FALL...
THIS IS SHAITAN'S WRATH! HE WILL DESTROY US ALL!
THE TEMPLE CONTINUES TO SHAKE, WITH EVEN MORE VIOLENCE...
I'LL HELP YOU OUT OF HERE, EMPRESS! WE MUST HURRY!
WH-WHAT HAS HAPPENED? I CAN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER-!
THE DARK IDOL OF SHAITAN SWAYS BACK AND FORTH...
...AND SMASHES IN A THOUSAND FRAGMENTS.
WE WERE JUST COMING TO LOOK FOR YOU, SINDBAD! THOSE OTHERS RAN!
WITH GOOD REASON, THE EARTH IS SHAKING WORSE THAN OUR SHIP IN THAT TYPHOON!

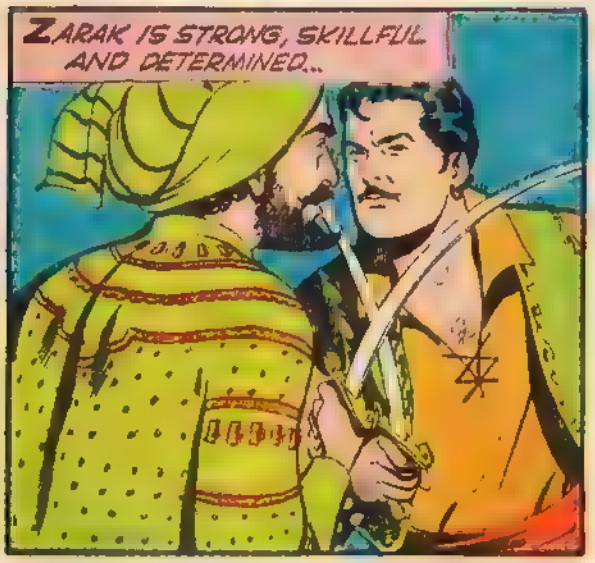
IT IS ONLY A GREAT EARTHQUAKE! IT WILL PASS!
BUT IT IS BRINGING THE MOUNTAINS DOWN!
SHAITAN WILL BE BURIED DEEP... AND GOOD RIDDANCE! NOW WE MUST RUN, BEFORE THE CANYON WALLS FALL, ALSO!
PRAISE BE TO ALLAH, THE EARTH-SHAKING AND RUMBLING HAVE STOPPED!
BUT I HEAR ANOTHER SOUND... LIKE THUNDER, AGAIN!
IT IS THE CRY OF THE DRAGON!
IT IS BEFORE US! BUT PERHAPS INDRA CAN MAKE IT TURN ASIDE!
INDRA, SPEAK! TELL IT TO LET US PASS!
I-I CANNOT REMEMBER THE WORDS TO SAY!

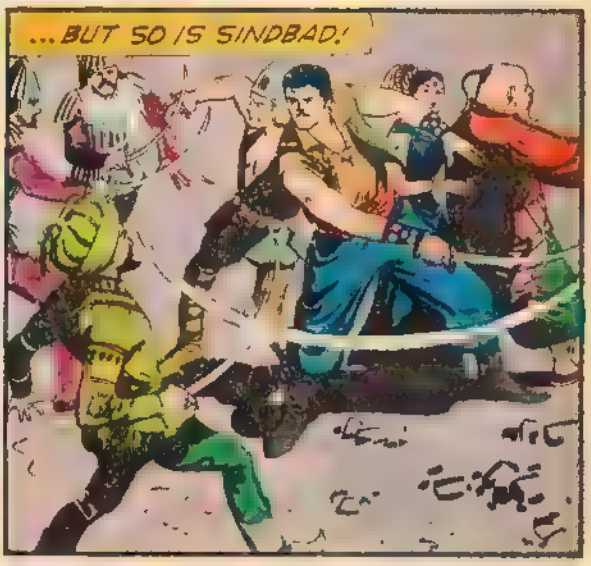
THE DRAGON'S ROAR SHATTERS THE AIR...
ARAUGHHH
TAKE HER, TURK! YOU AND SGURD FALL BACK, OUT OF THE WAY!
BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO?
I DON'T KNOW! BUT PRAY...AS I DO...THAT IT WILL SUCCEED!
THE GREAT BEAST CHARGES...
THOR AND ALL GODS OF BRAVE MEN...BE WITH SINDBAD!
THE DRAGON'S JAWS CLOSE, BUT SINDBAD IS NOT THERE...
CRUNCHH!
SINDBAD BURIES HIS SCIMITAR TO THE HILT, AGAIN AND AGAIN...

AND AFTER TERRIBLE MOMENTS OF CONFLICT...
A WONDERFUL VICTORY, SINDBAD!
NO... ONLY A VICTORY OF SELF-PRESERVATION! A GREAT CREATURE OF ANCIENT TIMES... I ALMOST HATED HAVING TO KILL IT!
RRUMBLE!
THE RUMBLING BEGINS AGAIN... AND THE EARTH-SHAKING!
ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE! RUN... AT YOUR BEST SPEED... TO BHOKKAR!
SOME MINUTES LATER...
BY THOR'S HAMMER! BHOKKAR WILL SOON BE NO MORE!
OUR MEN... AT THE PALACE... WE MUST GET TO THEM!
MY B-BEAUTIFUL CITY...!

I AM SORRY, INDRA! BUT AN EARTHQUAKE DID WHAT YOU SEE... NOT SHAITAN, IN WRATH AGAINST ME!
I-I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! IT IS YOUR FAULT!
AS THEY HURRY ON...
TURK, TAKE INDRA TO THE SHIP! WE WILL TRY TO FOLLOW!
TOO LATE, SINDBAD! SOMEBODY IS IN OUR WAY!
ZARAK! SO YOU KNEW THE WORDS TO GET YOU BY THE DRAGON!
YES! AND AT LAST THE PALACE TREASURE WILL BE MINE... AND THE WOMAN...!
BUT FIRST... MY BLADE IN YOUR HEART!
THAT THREAT AGAIN? THEN COME ON!

ZARAK AND HIS WARRIORS ATTACK...
WOTAN, MAKE MY ARM STRONG.
ALLAHU AKBAR!


ZARAK IS STRONG, SKILLFUL AND DETERMINED...


...BUT SO IS SINDBAD!

AND THE ACTION...

... MOVES FAST...

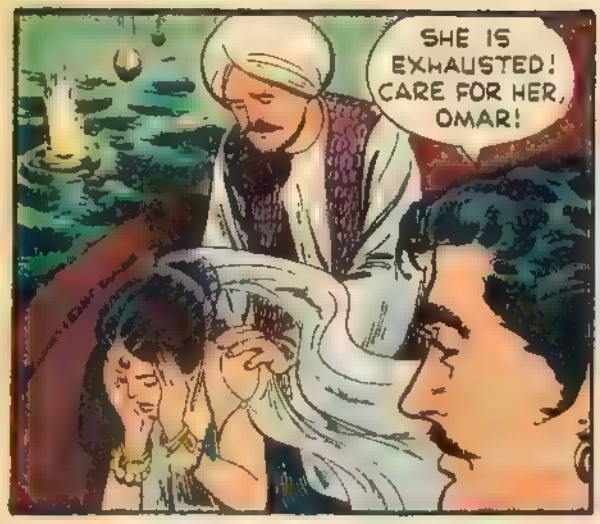
..TO VICTORY FOR SINDBAD!

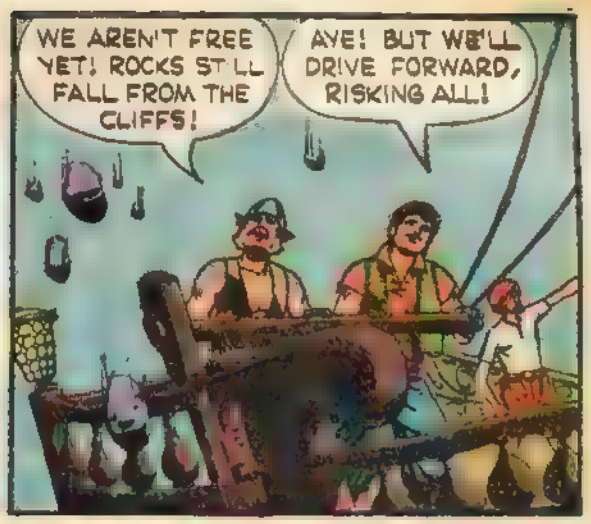
TURK! SIGURD! JOIN ME AT THE WALL!
TOO MANY OF THEM, BUT WE'LL MAKE A GOOD FIGHT OF IT-!
SINDBAD! SINDBAD!
THE REST OF SINDBAD'S CREW COME AT A RUN...
WE'LL FINISH THEM, MEN! THEN TO THE SHIP!
THE PALACE IS BURNING! I HELPED YOUR MEN ESCAPE!
THANKS, OMAR! BRING INDRA... COME WITH US!
SHE IS IN GREAT SHOCK, SINDBAD!
THAT'S NOT SURPRISING, WITH HER WORLD CRASH NG ABOUT HER! AND WE MUST MOVE FASTER!

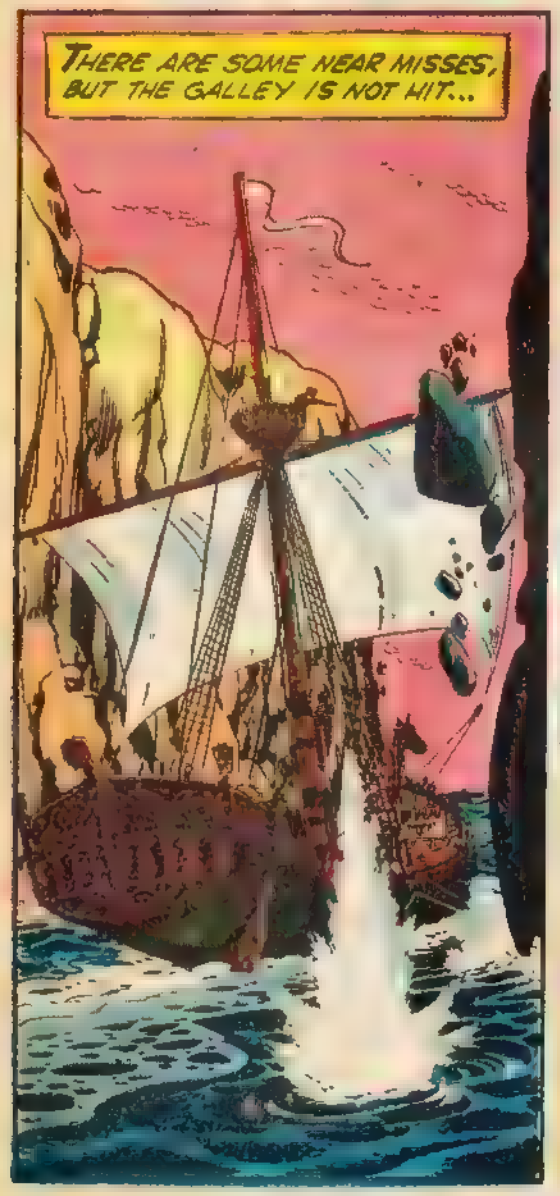
BOARD! CUT LINES!
THE EARTH SHAKES AGAIN! WILL IT NEVER STOP-?
INDRA, WE MUST TAKE YOU WITH US!
NO! I MUST DIE WITH MY CITY!
I WOULD GIVE MY LIFE FOR YOU... BUT I WOULD RATHER FOR BOTH OF US TO LIVE!
CAST OFF!
MAN OARS! PULL TOGETHER!
ROUGH WATER... AND THAT AHEAD OF US!
IF ONE OF THOSE ROCKS HITS US, IT WILL TEAR CLEAR THROUGH THE SHIP!
IT IS A GAUNTLET WE MUST RUN! MORE SPEED!

BACK! TURN BACK!
THE BEAT IS SLOW NG: TAKE THE TILLER, S.GURD!
TO SHORE, SINDBAD, OR WE ARE DOOMED!
TO BE MAROONED IN A RUINED CITY...? NO!
SW!NG SHIP! TOP SPEED! INDRA IS POWERLESS TO HELP US WITH THE DEMON... WE'LL RAM IT!:
IF WE RAM, IT WILL PULL US UNDER! WE MUST TURN BACK!
WAIT! HEAR ME-!
I WANTED TO DIE... NOW I... WANT TO LIVE! AND YOU FOUGHT ZARAK WHEN HE TURNED AGAINST ME! I MUST TRY TO REPAY...!
THEN YOU REMEMBER THE COMMAND TO SEND THE SEA MONSTER AWAY?
NO BUT I MAY HAVE ENOUGH POWER LEFT TO CHANGE IT INTO SOMETHING ELSE.

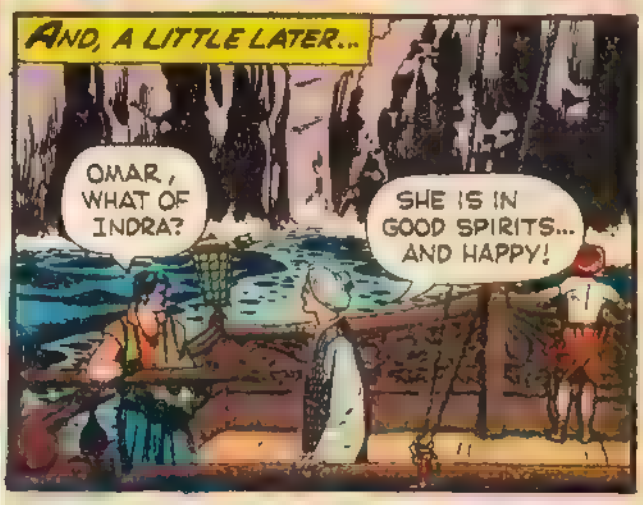
INDRA CALLS ON HER SKILL OF ENCHANTMENT...
BY WIND AND WAVE, BY FIRE AND WATER, CHANGE, CREATURE OF THE DEEP.
IT...IT IS NO USE! NOTHING HAPPENS!
THE OCTOPUS COMES ON! TURN BACK!
NO! TRY AGAIN, INDRA! TRY WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH!
ALL RIGHT! I WILL!
BY ALL MY POWER... CHANGE!
LOOK! IT HAS BECOME AN ALBATROSS!
THE BIRD OF GOOD OMEN! AND IT LEADS US TO THE SEA!

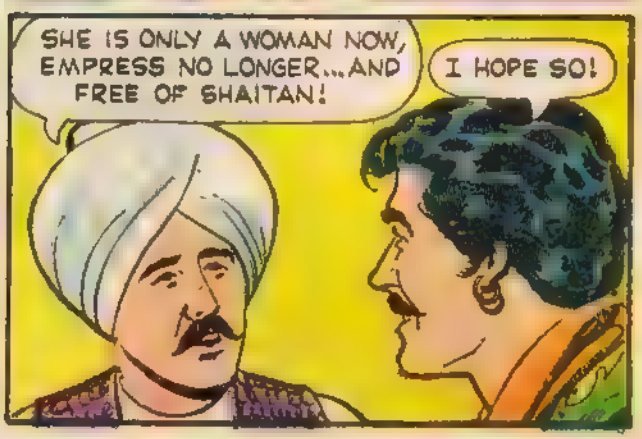

SHE IS EXHAUSTED! CARE FOR HER, OMAR!


WE AREN'T FREE YET! ROCKS STILL FALL FROM THE CLIFFS!
AYE! BUT WE'LL DRIVE FORWARD, RISKING ALL!


THERE ARE SOME NEAR MISSES, BUT THE GALLEY IS NOT HIT...

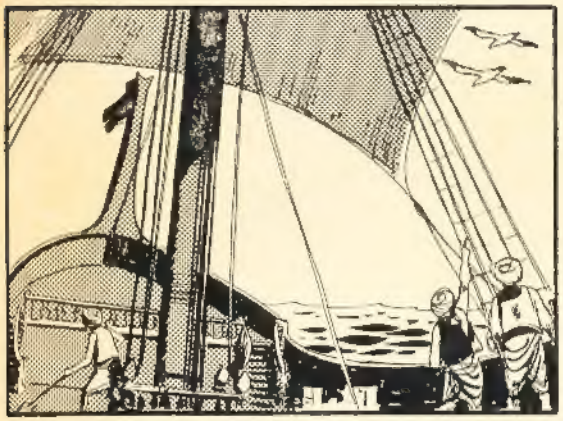
UNTIL, AT LAST...
THE SEA IS SOLID UNDER US AGAIN! IT IS A GOOD FEELING!


AND, A LITTLE LATER...
OMAR, WHAT OF INDRA?
SHE IS IN GOOD SPIRITS... AND HAPPY!

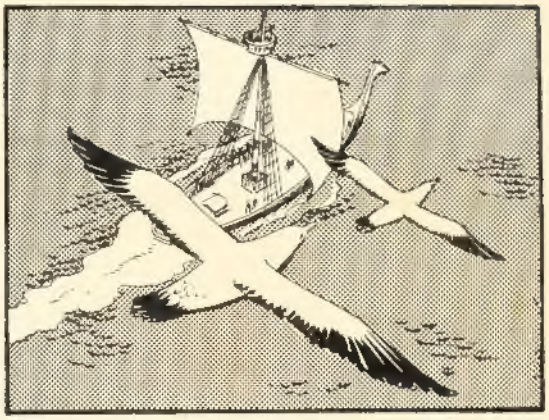

SHE IS ONLY A WOMAN NOW, EMPRESS NO LONGER... AND FREE OF SHAITAN!
I HOPE SO!

BUT ENOUGH OF SHAITAN'S POWER WAS LEFT IN HER TO SAVE US...AND I GIVE THANKS FOR THAT!
I ASKED TO LET ME TAKE HER HOME WITH ME, TO PERSIA! SHE SAID YES!
GOOD!
WE'LL FIND A CARAVAN AT SOME PORT, BOUND THAT WAY!
INDRA AND I OWE YOU SO MUCH!
NO, NOTHING, AFTER WHAT SHE DID FOR US! GO TO HER, NOW! AND LONG LIFE TO YOU BOTH!
AND, AS A COURSE IS SET, FAR ACROSS THE LONELY SEA...
IN OARS! TRIM SAIL... MUSTER SEA WATCH! A FAIR WIND AND A SWIFT VOYAGE HOME!
the END

Master of Ocean Winds

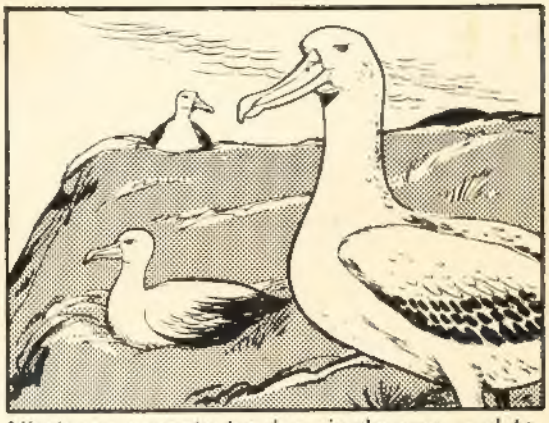


Legend attends the albatross wherever men of the sea roam. Some believe the birds to be spirits of shipmates lost at sea, and others consider them harbingers of wind.

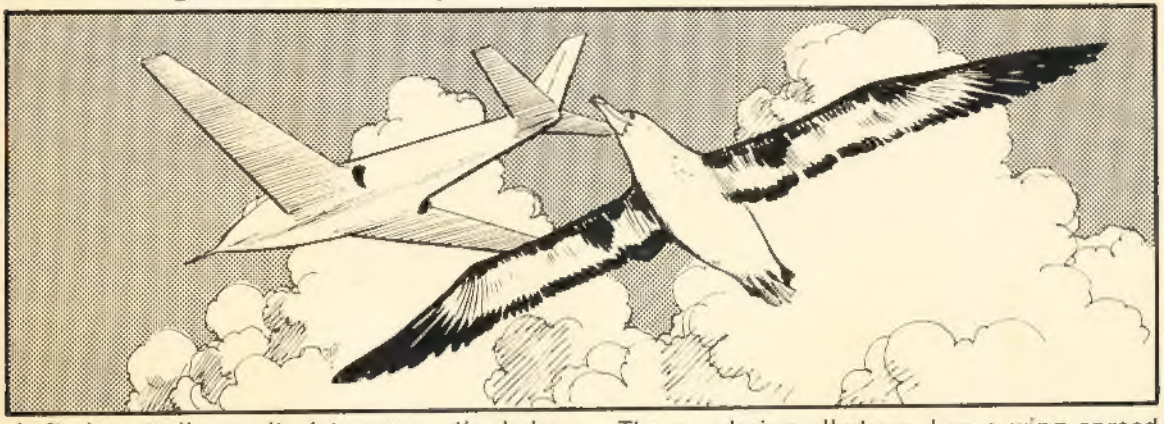


For sure, the albatross is a master of the wind, seeming to be motionless above the currents. Perfect gliders, they drift for hours on the updrafts from the ocean waves.

If grounded on a ship deck, the albatross is practically unable to lift itself into the air, for lack of a breeze under its wings. Yet, airborne, it circles the globe without difficulty.



Albatross parents tend a single egg, and together they constantly protect the baby for a month. Then they feed it only once a day, until it is heavier than the adult birds.



Left alone to live on its fat reserve, the baby waddles about for perhaps three months. When it has lost enough weight, it will, on its own, take to the air — grace in motion.

The wandering albatross has a wing spread of 11 feet, yet the wings are no more than 9 inches wide. This type of wing best fulfills conditions needed by modern aircraft.